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SUBJ: FCO REVIEW OF EXPORT CONTROL POLICY

SUMMARY: THE FCO IS REVIEWING HONG KONG EXCON PROCEDURES REGARDING RE-EXPORTS OF US ORIGIN STRATEGIC GOODS. SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY ENQUIRING AT THE FCO ABOUT REASONS FOR AND PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THIS REVIEW.

1. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DCI) WHICH LOCALLY ADMINISTERS THE UK COCOM EXPORT CONTROLS, HAS SENT A REPLY TO AN ENQUIRY FROM THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO) ABOUT THE BASIS FOR CURRENT DCI EXPORT CONTROL PROCEDURES REGARDING RE-EXPORTS THROUGH HONG KONG OF US-ORIGIN COCOM -CONTROLLED GOODS TO THE PRC. DCI BELIEVES THAT THE FCO ENQUIRY CAME AFTER REVIEW OF ROUTINE DCI MONTHLY REPORTS OF RE-EXPORT APPROVALS REVEALED THAT DCI HAD APPROVED SOME CASES WITHOUT THE FCO'S PRIOR CONCURRENCE.

2. PRESENT DCI PROCEDURE IN CASES OF RE-EXPORT OF US ORIGIN STRATEGIC GOODS WITH A USDOC EXPORT CONTROL

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NUMBER IS TO REQUEST A CONGEN LETTER OF CONCURRENCE

WHICH STATES THAT WE CONSIDER THE SHIPMENT BONA FIDE AND THUS HAVE NO OBJECTION TO IT. ON THAT BASIS, DCI ISSUES THE HKG EXPORT PERMIT WITHOUT REFERRING IT TO FCO. THE BOEING INS SPARE PARTS CASE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS PROCEDURE (SEE HONG KONG 10380 NOTAL).

3. OTHER EXPLANATIONS FOR THIS SUDDEN FCO INTEREST IN ROUTINE MONTHLY REPORTS ARE ALSO POSSIBLE. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRC HAS COMPLAINED TO THE HMG ON THE DELAY INVOLVED IN OBTAINING USG CONCURRENCE (PERHAPS STEMMING FROM THE BOEING CASE, WHERE THE PRC WAS CLEARLY AWARE THAT THE USG WAS THE CAUSE OF DCI'S WEEK-LONG DELAY IN ISSUING THE EXPORT LICENSE). ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS FCO CONCERN THAT PRESENT PROCEDURES ARE TOO LAX AND IN EFFECT ABDICATE PARTY OF THE UK'S COCOM RESPONSIBILITIES IN HONG KONG TO THE CONGEN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY APPROACHING THE FCO TO DETERMINE THE REASONS FOR, AND THE PROBABLE OUTCOME OF THIS REVIEW.

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